

OFF FOR STATEN ISLAND.

DEPARTURE OF THE COLUMBIA CREW
LAST NIGHT.

Good Amateur Base Ball Games Which
Are Not Well Patronized—General
Sporting News and Gossip—A Great
Racing Event.

The enameled button of the Columbia Athletic Club was conspicuous in the crowd at the Sixth-street station last night. A number of the boating enthusiasts of the club had gathered at the station, some of them to accompany the eight-oared crew which will participate in the Staten Island regatta on Monday, and others to see the boys off. The members of the expedition were very enthusiastic, feeling quite confident that their crew would make a good record, if it did not bear the Columbia colors to victory in the big Labor Day regatta. Trainer Courtney, who took an early train in company with the eight-oared shell, was very quiet, but there was a gleam in his eyes which indicated that he believed he had brought his crew up to a point of proficiency which made it certain they would not dishonor the colors in which they will row to-morrow. The Columbia crew which left last night will, barring accidents, start to-morrow as follows: Jannus 8, Snyder 7, Crist 6, Ryan 5, Johnson 4, Shoemaker 2, Kenyon 1, and Smith coxswain. This crew has done some first rate work in practice the past week, and while their stroke is not phenomenally fast it is a powerful one, almost perfect in its evenness. They are sure to make a creditable showing, and if they come in first there will be a number of Columbia men not in the least surprised. Among those who accompanied the crew were James F. Hood, president of the club; Frank McDermott, C. H. Jones, R. J. Elder, Lieut. Ryan, Lee Cox, R. E. Joyce, H. B. Zively, and Mills Deane. The Potomac crew, which will participate in the regatta, left on Friday night. It is made up as follows: Dyer 3, Fischer 7, Reynolds 6, Elmore 5, Rhinehart 4, Smithson 3, Sawyer 2, Norton 1, Roberts coxswain. Trainer Pfister has worked hard to bring this crew up to a point as near perfection as possible, and he as well as the Potomac boys generally felt that their champions would do credit to themselves to-morrow on the Kills.

The following is the list of entries as sent on here by Secretary Fred Janssen: Columbia Athletics, Washington, D. C.; Arthur Kull Association, Bergen Point, N. J.; New York Athletic Club, New York; Staten Island Athletics, Staten Island; Triton Boat Club, Newark, N. J.; Potomac Athletic Club, Washington, D. C. This makes an interesting field, and the race, which is only one mile, will be hotly contested from start to finish.

The make-up of the other eight-oared crews is as follows: New York A. C.—G. A. Weiss, bow; L. Valentine, 2; D. Ballynter, 3; W. B. Pickney, 4; F. Howard, 5; R. O. Hanford, 6; J. Cremins, 7; E. J. Glanville, stroke and D. C. Smyth, coxswain. Staten Island Athletic Club—C. Whitehorn, bow; F. O. Spedden, 2; J. Whitehorn, 3; J. A. Hart, 4; C. F. Hart, 5; P. Hart, 6; F. G. Janssen, 7; R. Conyngham, stroke, and A. S. Le Due, coxswain. Arthur Kull R. A.—W. Armstrong, bow; C. H. Hand, 2; J. Craig, 3; R. Loggner, 4; J. Giecklin, 5; D. G. Bartlett, 6; E. Bartlett, 7; W. Walker, stroke, and George Gibbs, coxswain. Triton B. C.—H. C. Rommel, bow; A. W. Snow, 2; J. S. Vrieson, 3; H. Harell, 4; D. R. Ward, 5; H. Sanderson, 6; G. E. Gifford, 7; Thomas Kerr, stroke, and A. S. Ward, coxswain.

The rowing event at Staten Island on Monday will in all probability end aquatic training in this vicinity for the year, and our athletes will then commence work for the foot-ball games of the fall. Already it is known that the Columbia Athletics are getting such men as Harban, Davis, Lee, Burrows, King, Dickinson, and others ready, while the Potomac Athletics will make their first appearance with Dyer, McCoy, Elmore, French, Doyle, Rhinehart, and Smithson as a part of their team. Then when scholastic year comes around the Kendalls and the Georgetown University will place teams in the field. It promises to be a lively foot-ball season.

Capt. Gibson's opinion of the coming boat race at Staten Island as between the Columbias and Potomacs is as follows: "The two crews appear to be equally fast, and it is difficult to determine if there is any difference. But there is no doubt which one is in the best form, and if that counts for anything the Columbias will surely win. If, on the other hand, the Potomacs have two or three men much stronger than a like number in their opponents' boat, and it looks as if they have, the chances are in their favor."

One of the features of the Amateur Athletic meeting here in October will be the deciding of the swimming championship. It promises to be one of the greatest races that has taken place in America. Dickinson, of the Columbia Athletics, if not engaged in other work, would make a great race in this class of events.

Much comment was recently made over the failure of Corbett, of Chicago, to start in the National regatta at Worcester, where he was entered. The reason was plain, as the N. A. A. O. debarred him, as well as Rogers, of Albany, for alleged crookedness. Appleby, of Providence, was reinstated.

Mr. Charles H. Boynton, of the lacrosse and football enthusiasts of the Columbias, returned on Friday from his vacation, most of which was spent in Canada.

Carlisle Whiting, of the Potomacs, has returned from his summer trip to the Natural Bridge, and is rowing every pleasant day in the shells.

Good time was made in the bicycle races at Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday. The weather was chilly, and a strong wind was blowing.

Sammy King, of the Columbia Athletics, passed his vacation at Atlantic City. He expects to make a good record in October.

Mr. Eugene Morgan, of the Anaslans, was also one of the aquatic representatives seen this year at Atlantic City.

The Anaslans are arranging for a fall regatta that will probably come off about September 15.

What has become of the Columbia Athletic lacrosse team? That should be kept going by all means.

BASE BALL.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 30.—The injury to the left arm of Norman Baker, Baltimore's pitcher, who was hit while at the bat to-day, is much more serious than at first supposed. One of the smaller bones near the shoulder is broken. It will be some time before Baker can take his place again in the box. Townsend, Baltimore's gem catcher, got a split finger in the game yesterday, and it is not expected he can soon be of the Baltimore battery. The loss of the services of Baker and Townsend is severely felt.

Amateur base ball does not meet the encouragement it deserves at the hands of Washingtonians. They go to see a professional game, which is very often nothing more than a professional wrangle, and go home feeling that they have seen a good game. The scores of the games so far played by the better class of the amateur clubs have all been close and the game good. The patronage, however, has been very unsatisfactory. Let the public wake up

and encourage the amateurs for their mutual benefit.

The Atlantic Association now numbers four clubs.

Games Yesterday.

ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION.

At Lebanon—
New Havens.....5 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-6
Lebanon.....3 0 0 0 0 2 0 0-5
Hits—New Havens 10; Lebanon 5. Errors—
Lebanon 2. Batteries—Swift and Koons, Gilliland and Hoffer.

At Harrisburg—
Harrisburgs.....0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0-3
Newarks.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1
Hits—Harrisburgs 6; Newarks 4. Errors—
Harrisburgs 1; Newarks 5. Batteries—Cox and Somers, Fitzgerald and Childs.

PLAYERS' LEAGUE.

Philadelphia, 8; Buffalo, 3.
Boston, 16; Pittsburgh, 3.
Boston, 5; Pittsburgh, 2.
Brooklyn, 14; Cleveland, 10.
Brooklyn, 2; Cleveland, 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Philadelphia, 9; Chicago, 10—ten innings.
New York, 5; Pittsburgh, 0.
New York, 7; Pittsburgh, 3.
Boston, 5; Cincinnati, 8.
New York, 6; Chicago, 7.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Columbus, 8; Athletics, 3.
Columbus, 7; Athletics, 2.
Rochester, 5; Toledo, 4.

Baltimore was drubbed by St. Louis in their first game.

Jordan, late of the Washingtons, is playing on the Pittsburgh League Club.

The Players' League, despite stories to the contrary, are making lots of money.

The American Association and the Players' League will combine forces next year.

Phillips and Riddle, the best battery of the Washingtons, are still without an engagement.

Paul Hines is playing extraordinary strong ball for the Boston team. He is still a youngster.

Charles Jones, late of the Worcestersters, has joined the Lebanons, and Jerry O'Brien has been released.

Joe Gerhardt, of this city, has signed to play second-base for the Von der Ahe St. Louis team for the rest of the year.

Already several well-contested games have been played at Capitol Park between clubs of the Washington League. The games are of an order to warrant larger crowds.

Ted Sullivan telegraphed from New York yesterday that he had arranged to have Ward's Brooklyn club and Comely's Chicago Brotherhood club play in Washington on Wednesday next.

Should the weather prove favorable, good games of ball can be expected Wednesday and Thursday next between the Columbia Athletic Club and Hagerstown nines at Capitol Park. It is more than likely that a large number of excursionists will accompany the Hagerstown team. Rollins and Abigail, a professional battery, will fill the points for the visitors.

The second game of the Washington League was played at Capitol Park between the Mount Vernons and Alerts, which resulted in a victory for the Mounts by the score of 4 to 1. Gannon and Gales were the battery for the Mounts, while Mace, late of Newark, and Wright, formerly of Troy, filled the points for the Alerts. The game was a good one. W. H. Keyworth, who manages the Mount Vernons, has gotten together a fine lot of young players, who are out for the pennant. Mount Vernons and Snows September 2, at Capitol Park.

The game on Thursday between the Light Infantry and the Columbia Athletic Club nines gave further evidence of the weakness of the Columbia boys at the bat. They play an excellent game in the field, but when they come to handle the stick show an impatience to get at the ball and a desire to lose it beyond the confines of the inclosure, which can never result in anything other than the pitcher taking a little more time before the pitcher and exert a little of their surplus energy in hard work, and good results are bound to make themselves apparent.

The Columbia Athletic team will leave here on Friday next for Bergen Point, N. J., where they will on Saturday play the first game for the Eastern championship of the Amateur Athletic Union. The excellent ball that the Columbias have put up against the professional teams of this city gives all friends of the club hope that they will win the Eastern series of games, thus making them competitors against the Detroit Club, of the West, for the championship. The players that Manager Chap Sims will take to New Jersey will be Wells, captain; Daly, Keyworth, Burke, Green, Bolway, Sprigman, Walsh, Dickinson, Jones, and King. The return game takes place here on Saturday, September 13. The Columbias, under the captaincy of Mr. Louis Wells, formerly of Lafayette College, are making rapid improvement.

The following is the schedule of games to be played under the auspices of the District Amateur League. A schedule for the remainder of the season will be made later. Those who take an interest in amateur base ball would do well to preserve the following: Aug. 29, Alerts vs. Mt. Vernons; Aug. 30, Ciphers vs. Y. M. C. A.; Sept. 1, C. A. C. vs. Alerts; Sept. 2, Mt. Vernons vs. Ciphers; Sept. 3, W. L. I. C. vs. Y. M. C. A.; Sept. 4, Alerts vs. Ciphers; Sept. 5, Y. M. C. A. vs. Mt. Vernons; Sept. 6, Alerts vs. Infantry; Sept. 8, Y. M. C. A. vs. Ciphers; Sept. 9, C. A. C. vs. Mt. Vernons; Sept. 10, Infantry vs. Ciphers; Sept. 11, C. A. C. vs. Y. M. C. A.; Sept. 12, Infantry vs. Mt. Vernons; Sept. 13, Y. M. C. A. vs. Alerts; Sept. 16, Ciphers vs. C. A. C.; Sept. 17, Mt. Vernons vs. Alerts; Sept. 18, C. A. C. vs. Infantry; Sept. 19, Y. M. C. A. vs. Ciphers; Sept. 20, C. A. C. vs. Alerts; Sept. 22, Infantry vs. Mt. Vernons.

Bicycle Races—Great Time.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 30.—The Century run, five starters, left Erie, Pa., at 8:25 A. M. to-day to run to Buffalo. The roads are reported heavy and the wind dead against them. The starters were R. F. Medaniels, Wilmington, N. C.; Smith, Toronto; C. H. Christ, Tonawanda; Crooke, Buffalo; W. Vanwagoner, Newport, R. I. At 11:25 a dispatch was received at the track as follows: "Vanwagoner leads at Silver Creek. The Buffalo boy, Crooke, is only 150 yards behind, Medaniels third, Christ fourth, Smith fifth." This is great time, sixty miles in three hours. It is expected that the best time on record will be broken. The distance is 100 miles. The race resulted in a smashing-up of the record. Vanwagoner was never headed, though the men were well bunched until the last few miles. Christ dropped out at Fredonia, about ten miles from the finish. Vanwagoner completed the run at 4:05 P. M., with Medaniels a good second, Crooke third, and Smith fourth. The winner's time was 3:59. The record was 3:02.

Terrible Effects of an Explosion.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I.—A cartridge in a hole drilled in the ledge which is being removed to accommodate the sewer system, was exploded by some Italians. One man's arm was shattered, and his body was so riddled with stone that he died in two hours. Another had both eyes blown out. A third had a cut made in his scalp and barely escaped being brained, while two others were severely hurt.

POTOMAC'S RICH PRIZE.

He Won the Futurity Stakes, and Succeeded
Proctor Knott and Chaos.

SHEPHEARD BAY RACE TRACK, Aug. 30.—Potomac, Seneca August Belmont's colt, by St. Blaise out of Susehanna, has won the third Futurity in 1:14 1-8, and thus becomes a worthy successor to Proctor Knott and Chaos. His stable companion, Masher, by Ill-Used out of Magnetism, is second, and Strathmeath, the junior champion, a good third. There was nothing the matter with the weather this morning for the great day of the Futurity stakes, in all probability the richest stake the world ever heard of. The real lovers of sport began to arrive first. They were led in importance by August Belmont, who was hopeful over his chance of going home seventy thousand dollars richer; Senator Hearst, pleased with his change of luck that has brought him such a successful summer after three seasons of disaster; Charlie Reed, big, portly, and silent; Capt. S. S. Brown, owner of the Roanoke Reporter; Johnnie Campbell, George Hawkins, W. L. Scott, who asks for passes, and whose colors Starter Caldwell wears in compliment to the fact that Scott's horse won last year's Futurity. This is the English custom, and is the correct thing to do. None of the smart boys were present on suburban day were to be seen, but the dressing was just as brilliant as if they had been present. Probably twenty thousand persons were present, so that if the Futurity stakes had been divided among the spectators everybody would have got three dollars and something over with which to pay his expenses.

In the betting ring it was bustle and confusion, for 115 bookmakers, the largest number that has ever done business on an American course, had to be provided with stands. The crowd surged into the betting ring immediately after the second and poured the money into the bookmakers' boxes in a regular stream. Key Del Rey, Ambulance, and Potomac were the ones most in demand, and the latter finally closed a strong favorite.

SUMMARY.

First race—Five and a half furlongs. Kingston shot to the front, and won easily by four lengths from Worth, the latter beating Balarat half that distance for the place. Time, 1:08.

Second race—The Dolphin stakes; three-year-olds; a sweepstakes of \$50 each, with \$1,250 added; 1 1/4 miles. Ruperta won by a length, while Amuth beat Reclaire a head for the place. Time, 1:51 1-5.

Third race—The Futurity, a sweepstakes for two-year-olds, the Coney Island Jockey Club to add \$12,500, the second to receive \$2,000 of the added money and two-thirds of the starting money; the third \$1,000 of the added money and one-third of the starting money; the breeders of the winner and of the second horse, namely, the owners of the mares at the time of foaling, to receive \$1,500 and \$1,000 of the added money respectively; colts to carry 118 pounds, fillies and geldings 115 pounds; penalties and allowances; six furlongs. Starters: Potomac, (Hamilton,) 115, 5 to 2 straight and 4 to 5 place; Masher, (Bergen,) 108, 12 to 1 straight and 5 to 1 place; Strathmeath, (Fitzpatrick,) 124, 15 to 1 straight and 6 to 1 place; Monterey, Key Del Rey, Esperanza, Cleopatra, Amulet, Long Fortune, Kildeer, Bettie, Crater, Ambulance, Montana, Nellie Bly, Russia. There was no parade, and the horses galloped from the paddock to the post, each one receiving a liberal share of applause as he passed the grand stand. The start was a good one. At the furlong pole Russell was leading, followed by Esperanza, Ambulance, Cleopatra, and Strathmeath. They ran in this order down the three-eighths, where Monterey took third place, while Masher and Potomac had both improved their positions. As they swung into the stretch Potomac took the lead, followed by Strathmeath and Masher. Potomac held his lead easily, and dashed past the post a winner by two lengths from Masher, who beat Strathmeath a neck for second money. Mutuels paid: Belmont stable, \$14.95 straight and \$16.05 for the place.

Fourth race—One mile. Beach won handily by a length from Foxmede, who beat Ritzpah by half a length for the place. Time, 1:41 2-5.

Fifth race—1 1/4 miles. Frank Ward was the first to show at the start, but immediately gave way to Quotation. The latter, followed by Aurania, led to the turn for home, where Tattler moved up and joined her. When they were well straightened out both commenced to whipl, and they passed the finish with Tattler apparently a short front. The judges thought otherwise and placed Quotation first and Tattler second. Time, 1:55 1-5.

Sixth race—One mile on turf. In the stretch there was a general closing up, in which Macbeth II got through and won by a length, Philosophy second, a length and a half before Kern. Time, 1:44.

Trotting Records Broken.

HARTFORD, CONN., Aug. 30.—The closing events of the Grand Circuit races at Charter Oak Park to-day were the Capital guaranteed stakes of \$3,000 for foals of 1888 and the 2:20 class for trotters and pacers. The latter was won by C. J. Hamlin, of Buffalo, drove in double harness his mares Belle Hamlin and Justina a mile in 2:15, reducing their own record of 2:10, and equaling the time made by Maxey Cobb and Neda Medium at Fleetwood in 1884. There was a small attendance. Early Bird won the first race; best time, 2:22, and R. M. Taylor won the second race; best time, 2:24.

Nominated by the President.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the following nominations:
United States Consul—John F. Healey, of Minnesota, at Funchal; John F. Peterson, West Virginia, at Taguigalpa; John B. Richardson, of Kansas, at Matamoros.

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